



# *“Conformity Assessment Procedures (CAP’s) in Mexico”*



## *1.- Introduction*

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- **Last June 2005 under the initiative “Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America” Mexico committed to initiate the implementation of a MRAs phase 1 with the US and Canada by June 2006.**
- **In order to carry out this commitment Mexico had to issue regulation on “Conformity Assessment Procedures” among some other documents. This regulation will be in force by October 10, 2005.**



## *2.- CAP's scope of application*

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- CAP's will apply to 6 technical regulations (NOMs) which are currently in force.
- At least one laboratory must be already accredited and approved on these NOMs.

The 6 NOM mentioned are:

<b>Code</b>	<b>Description (Abbreviated)</b>
<b>NOM-083-SCT1-2002</b>	<b>Radio communication (Paging).</b>
<b>NOM-084-SCT1-2002</b>	<b>Radio communication (Trunking).</b>
<b>NOM-088/1-SCT1-2002</b>	<b>Radio communication microwave links (access).</b>
<b>NOM-088/1-SCT1-2002</b>	<b>Radio communication microwave links (transport).</b>
<b>NOM-151-SCT1-1999</b>	<b>Analog interface for terminal equipment.</b>
<b>NOM-152-SCT1-1999</b>	<b>Digital interface for terminal equipment.</b>



### *3.- Benefits of the CAP's*

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- Grant certainty to the manufacturers, importers and commercializers on their obligations to conform with Mexican technical regulation.
- Reduce processing times in certification and homologation as well.
- Harmonizing our regulation activity on standards with that of our commercial partners.
- Eliminate the introduction of non-compliant telecommunications products.
- Increase capacity in the assimilation of new technologies.
- Encourage investment in conformity assessment infrastructure.

## 4.- *Industry concerns*

During the consulting process of the CAP, the industry expressed several concerns, which were addressed by the regulator as follows:

Industry concerns	COFETEL answers
<b>1.- CAP's will block commercialization in Mexico of "state of the art" equipment.</b>	<b>There are not NOM for new technology equipment.</b>
<b>2.- Why should they have to test in Mexico their products if they had been already tested in the country of origin?</b>	<b>-- Each country has its own technical regulations.- Products refused in countries with conformity assessment infrastructure are introduced in countries where there is no such procedures.</b>

## *4.- Industry concerns (Cont.)*

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<b>3.- Why the CAP's do not include "Self Declaration of Conformity" (SDoC).</b>	<p>The Law (Federal Law on Metrology and Standardization) does not include the Self Declaration as a process.</p> <p>The USA and Canada do not accept this process in their regulation either.</p>
<b>4.- CAP's generate additional costs to the industry.</b>	<p>Costs for certification in Mexico, will be at least two thirds less expensive than in the USA or Canada.</p>
<b>5.- CAP's will duplicate processes and payments (certification + homologation).</b>	<p>The homologation certificate is delivered with no additional payment if the conformity assessment certificate is presented to Cofetel.</p>



### **The CAP's will contribute to:**

- Mexico's need to increase the opening of its telecommunications products market.
- Establish the foundations to negotiate Mutual Recognition Agreements in the near future.

### **Always keeping in mind that our main objective as regulators is to:**

- Protect the consumer's health and safety.
- Protect the telecommunications networks.
- Avoid interference in the use of the radio spectrum.

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**MUCHAS GRACIAS!!!**  
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